

House Resolution No. 2799

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during her sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Florence Irene Kerns of Avalon, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her Ninety-third Birthday on June 3, 2003; and

Whereas, on June 3, 1910, in Northwest Carroll County, God brought a special gift to Mont and Lena (Wheelbarger) Burton with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Florence, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating her birthday, Florence Kerns will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as her marriage on June 3, 1934, to Howard Kerns (deceased), with whom she celebrated fifty years of wedded bliss on June 3, 1984; and the births of their offspring; and

Whereas, God has blessed Florence Kerns with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include her children, Wendal Kerns, Dwight Kerns, Janice Reven, Carol Hutchinson, and Shirley Timmons; fourteen grandchildren; and twenty-three great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Florence Kerns further distinguished herself by completing GED classes after she was sixty years old; and

Whereas, a member of the Church of Christ, Florence Kerns prides herself by maintaining the same family farm on which she has lived for more than six decades:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Florence Kerns at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Florence Irene Kerns, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative John Quinn
District No. 7

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2799, adopted May 12, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker